

and the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives. The Director of NSA is also expected to develop a training plan to familiarize the Agency's security protective officers with their new authorities and responsibilities. The Director of NSA shall submit such plan to the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Armed Services Committee of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives not later than 30 days after the enactment of this provision.

Section 506 also includes a reporting requirement so that the intelligence committees may closely scrutinize the exercise of this new authority.

Items Not Included

Section 306 of the House bill contained a provision establishing, with respect to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, a federal commission on the national security readiness of the United States. The Senate bill had no similar provision. The House recedes.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

PORTER J. GOSS,
DOUGLAS BEREUTER,
MICHAEL N. CASTLE,
SHERWOOD BOEHLERT,
JIM GIBBONS,
RAY LAHOOD,
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PETE HOEKSTRA,
RICHARD BURR,
SAXBY CHAMBLISS,
NANCY PELOSI,
SANFORD BISHOP,
JANE HARMAN,
GARY CONDIT,
TIM ROEMER,
ALCEE L. HASTINGS,
LEONARD L. BOSWELL,
COLLIN C. PETERSON,

Managers on the Part of the House.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 4:30 p.m. on account of personal business.

Mr. GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 5:00 p.m. on account of personal business.

Mrs. MORELLA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today until 12:00 noon on account of attending a funeral.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHOWS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SANCHEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 10, 2001, at 2 p.m.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

U.S. CONGRESS,
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE,
Washington, DC, November 13, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 4(c)(4) of the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 ("VEOA") (2 U.S.C. §1316a(4)) and section 304(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. §1384(b)), I am submitting on behalf of the Office of Compliance, U.S. Congress, this notice of proposed rulemaking for publication in the Congressional Record. This notice seeks comment on substantive regulations being proposed to implement section 4(c) of VEOA, which affords to covered employees of the legislative branch the rights and protections of selected provisions of veterans' preference law.

Very truly yours,

SUSAN S. ROBFOGEL,
Chair of the Board.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

The Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998: Extension of Rights and Protections Relating to Veterans' Preference Under Title 5, United States Code, to Covered Employees of the Legislative Branch

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Summary: The Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance ("Board") is publishing proposed regulations to implement section 4(c)(4) of the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 ("VEOA"), Pub. L. 105-339, 112 Stat. 3186, codified at 2 USC §1316a, as applied to covered employees of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and certain Congressional instrumentalities.

The VEOA applies to the legislative branch the rights and protections pertaining to veterans' preference established under section 2108, sections 3309 through 3312, and subchapter I of chapter 35, of title 5, United States Code ("USC").

This Notice proposes that identical regulations be adopted for the Senate, the House of

Representatives, and the six Congressional instrumentalities and for their covered employees. Accordingly:

(1) *Senate.* It is proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the Senate and employees of the Senate, and this proposal regarding the Senate and its employees is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the Senate.

(2) *House of Representatives.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives, and this proposal regarding the House of Representatives and its employees is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the House of Representatives.

(3) *Certain Congressional instrumentalities.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the Capitol Guide Service, the Capitol Police, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Attending Physician, and the Office of Compliance, and their employees; and this proposal regarding these six Congressional instrumentalities is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Executive Director.

Dates: Interested parties may submit comments within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Congressional Record.

Addresses: Submit written comments (an original and 10 copies) to the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20540-1999. Those wishing to receive notification of receipt of comments are requested to include a self-addressed, stamped post card. Comments may also be transmitted by facsimile machine to (202) 426-1913. This is not a toll-free call. Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Law Library Reading Room, Room LM-201, Law Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Washington, DC, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For Further Information Contact: Executive Director, Office of Compliance at (202) 724-9250. This notice is also available in the following formats: large print, Braille, audiotape, and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to the Director, Central Operations Department, Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms, (202) 224-2705.

Supplementary Information:

Background

The Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998¹ "strengthen[s] and broadens"² the rights and remedies available to military veterans who are entitled, under the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944³ (and its amendments), to preferred consideration in appointment to the Federal civil service of the executive branch and in retention during reductions in force ("RIFs"). In addition, and most relevant to this NPR, VEOA affords to "covered employees" of the legislative branch (as defined by section 101 of the Congressional Accountability Act ("CAA") (2 USC §1301)) the rights and protections of selected provisions of veterans' preference law. VEOA §4(c)(2). The selected statutory sections made applicable to such legislative

¹ Pub. L. 105-339, 112 Stat. 3186 (Oct. 31, 1998).

² Sen. Rept. 105-340, 105 Cong., 2d Sess. at 19 (Sept. 21, 1998).

³ Act of June 27, 1944, ch. 287, 58 Stat. 387, amended and codified in various provisions of Title 5, USC.